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WILLIAM JAMES LEACH

Leach's Great Victory for Bradley

IT IS still the all absorbing topic for idle minutes at the Institute. It is just as well to be honest and admit that the triumph came like a thunderbolt from a clear sky. Everyone who read the advance announcement of the contest made instant mental resignation of victory to the time-tried and fire-tested declaimers of the older affiliated schools. All gave up in advance. That is, all but Leach — William James Leach; we all know him now. Leach went to win. In proof we cite the fact that before going to Chicago he engaged another man to fill his Bartonville pulpit the Sunday following the contest, knowing that his victory would be a magnet to draw the idly curious to his church, and he had no desire to place himself on exhibition. It resulted just as he anticipated, for the rustic villagers left off whittling for the once and gave Leach's church a congregation that would have made any collection box in Peoria grin and waltz down the aisle on its one leg. But we digress. Mr. Leach

went to Chicago to win, and in the declamation contest he snatched the palm of victory from over the heads of the thirty-three contestants from thirty-three affiliated schools of the Chicago University. The news of the victory brought three questions to all lips. 1st. "Who is this Leach?" 2d. "How did he win it?" 3d. "What piece did he speak?" The first question carried with it no deprecation of Mr. Leach. He had been but a few weeks in the school and had conducted himself with such modesty that he was scarcely known outside of his class rooms. Just who he is and what he has done previous to his advent in Bradley Hall, we have made a point to learn. We give it on another page. How he won it Director Sisson is best able to tell Mr. Sisson was there, and saw before the judges retired that it was Bradley's contest. Mr. Leach's quiet yet earnest delivery did it—an entire absence of ranting and frothing at the mouth which is so often associated with the idea of elocution. Now for the third question—the piece that did the work. THE TECH is happy to be able to furnish the piece to its readers. It is adapted from Victor Hugo's "93," and deals especially with the Sea Duel, in which the contestants were a man and a cannon. Here we have it, in part, as delivered by Mr. Leach:

"One of the carronades of the ship's battery, a twenty-four pounder, had gotten loose. This is perhaps the most formidable of all ocean accidents. Nothing more terrible can befall a ship in the open sea and under full sail A gun broken from its moorings suddenly becomes an indescribable, a supernatural beast. It is a machine that seems to transform itself into a monster. You may make a mastiff hear reason, astound a bull, fascinate a boa, frighten a tiger, or soothe a lion, but you have no resource with this monster. A gun broken loose, you cannot kill it, it is a dead thing, and yet it seems to live with a sinister life given to it by infinity, the planks beneath it give it play. It is moved by the ship, that is moved by the sea, that is moved by the wind, and so this huge destroyer becomes a plaything, and the ship and the waves and the blast all lend it their aid, hence its frightful vitality. * *

"The fault was the chief gunner's, who had neglected to fix home the screw nut of the mooring chain and had so badly shackled the fore wheels of the carronade that the play given between the solet and frame had gradually separated the platform and ended by breaking the breeching. * * * *

"At the moment when the lashings gave way the gunners were in the battery occupied with such duties as sailors usually perform in expectation of the orders to 'clear for action.' * * * The carronade hurled forward by the motion of the vessel, rushed into this little knot of men, killing four at the first blow; then drawn back and shot out again by the pitching of the sea, a fifth poor fellow was cut in two. Now it dashed off to larboard, struck a piece of the battery with such force as to unship it. * * * The sailors rushed for the ladders, the gun deck was cleared in the twinkling of an eye and the monster was left alone. It came and went along the slippery deck; one might have imagined it the living chariot of the apocalypse A marine lantern oscillating from the ceiling cast a dizzying whirl of light and shadow over this awful vision. The shape of the gun was indistinguishable from the rapidity of its movements. Now it looked black as it stood out against the light, and now as it passed farther on it threw wierd reflections into the gloom beyond. * * *

"There was just enough sea to make such an accident as complete as possible. A hurricane would have been more desirable, for that might have overturned the monster, and, with those four wheels once in the air, the thing could have been mastered. Every bound of the liberated carronade now threatened the destruction of the vessel. A few minutes at most and shipwreck would be inevitable. Suddenly into the midst of this seemingly inaccessable circus there springs a man with an iron bar in his hand. It is the author of this catastrophe, the gunner whose culpable neglect had made the accident possible. He had taken in the situation at a glance, and grasping a hand

spike in one fist and in the other a tiller rope with a slip noose in the end, had jumped to the gun deck and now a strange conflict was to begin. The struggle of the gun against the gunner, a battle between matter and intelligence, a duel between the inanimate and the human. 'Come on,' he said to it, perhaps he loved it. It paused for a moment and seemed to listen, then sprang toward him. He avoided the shock and the battle had begun. The fragile had matched itself against the invulnerable. The thing of flesh had attacked the brazen brute. On the one side was blind force, on the other a soul * * Sometimes this colossal grasshopper seemed to leap until it touched the low ceiling of the gun deck, then coming down on its wheels like a tiger upon its claws it would dart after the man; but he, supple, agile and adroit, would glide like a snake from before these lightning-like movements. * * * * But the blows which he avoided still fell upon the ship and continued their havoc, nevertheless the man fought; indeed, sometimes it was the man who attacked the gun; with bar and rope in hand, he would creep stealthily along beside it, and then the thing had the air of understanding and would dart away as though it perceived the snare, but the man would follow it, formidable, fearless. * * * *

"Such a duel could not last long. At length the gun paused for a moment and seemed to say, 'Come we must make an end,' and in that pause one could feel the approach of an awful crisis. Now, suddenly and unexpectedly, it darted upon the man. He jumped aside and cried with a laugh, 'Try again!' Carronades on the starboard battery gave way under that blow. Now as though blinded with passion and no longer conscious of what it was doing, it turned its back upon the man and began to roll from the stern to the bow.

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"It stumbled. The man sized this awful opportunity, rushed forward, plunged the bar between the spokes of one of the hind wheels; it staggers; he uses the bar as a lever, rocks it to and fro; it totters, and then, with a mighty clang as of a falling bell, the great mass falls upon its side. The gunner, dripping with sweat, rushes forward headlong, throws the slip noose of the tiller rope round the brazen neck of the beast and makes it fast! * * It is ended. The man has conquered. The ant has subdued the mastodon. The pigmy has taken the thunderbolt prisoner. * * * While the crew were repairing in haste the ravages of the gun deck, the old passenger had gone on deck and stood with his back against the mainmast. Count du Boisberthelot advanced toward the passenger. Behind the captain marched a man, haggard, breathless, his dress in disorder; it was the gunner. The Count made a military salute to the unknown in peasant's garb, and said, 'General, here is the man.' * * The old man looked at the gunner. 'Approach,' he said. The gunner moved forward one pace. The old man turned toward the Count, detatched the cross of St. Louis from his uniform and fastened it on the jacket of the gunner. 'Hurrah,' cried the sailors. The marines presented arms. The old passenger, pointing with his finger toward the bewildered gunner, on whose breast was glittering the cross of St. Louis, added, 'Now let that man be shot.'"

May Increase the Board

Students who board must not be frightened by the above head as it refers to the Athletic Board and has naught to do with the boarding house problem. A plan has been formulated to increase the representation on the Athletic Board. This Board, as is well known, now has the control of athletics at Bradley and owing to the very limited membership the duties often become onerous. The Board now consists of three members of the faculty, two from the Horological department and representatives, one each from the Lower Academy and Higher Academy and College. The plan now is to add at least another faculty member and another member or two from the student body. This will lighten the burden for the members of the board and is a good plan, providing that the present ratio between student and faculty members of the board, is not disturbed.

Who Leach is

William James Leach, who won a scholarship at the Chicago University by his declaration in the Inter-Collegiate contest, was born in Collingwood, Ontario, Dominion of Canada. He spent some of the early years of his life at Dwight, Ill., attending the public schools and then learning the printers' trade in the Dwight Star and Herald offices. He used his trade to pay school expenses both at Grand Prairie Seminary and Northwestern Academy. He has had plenty of experience with the world. For a year he edited a newspaper at Braceville, Ill., and taught a country school. He was also instructor in the Illinois State reformatory for a time. Last summer he worked as a saw mill hand in Northern Wisconsin. He served through the late war as a member of Co. E., 5th Illinois Vol. Inf. He has done considerable literary work, even to writing poetry, but this will be forgiven him in view of his recent achievement for Bradley. He has often recited original productions. While at Northwestern he was elected editor of the Philomathean Journal and was chosen as one of the contestants in the Caxton debate.

Perhaps his most marked characteristics and certainly those upon which he most depends in public speaking, are his ready memory and his aptness in imitation. He is a great lover of literature, holding to Robt. J. Burdette as his model among present day Americans. He likewise has a great regard for Ian Maclaren, whose writings he interprets with no little skill. He had great success as a teacher in the reformatory and will probably hold to prison teaching as his life work.

Initiated

A. E. Radley was duly initiated into the mysteries of the Alpha Pi fraternity Saturday evening.

Important Change Pending

An important change is said to be pending. An attempt is being made to arrange the classes so that there will be no recitations during the noon hour. The desirability of such an arrangement is too self evident to need exposition.

Eye Injured

Mr. Raymond was unable to meet his classes in shop for a few days this month. He was suffering from an injury to his eye, received while instructing in his department. He has long since fully recovered from the effects of the accident, we are pleased to state.

Won Prizes

At the Annual Photographic Exhibit of the Peoria Art League recently, the second prize medal for the best collection of photographs was awarded to Grant Hood, of Bradley. For the best portrait made with a camera not larger than 4x5 the prize was awarded to Ralph West. His prize winner was entitled "A Portrait Study of Miss West." The first prize for a carbon print was given to Mr. Hood.

A Course in Courses

Envious eyes are cast on the second year class in cooking this quarter. Under the direction of Mrs. Kedzie the members of the class are learning how to deport themselves in the several capacities of hostess, guest and waitress. Elaborate dinners are spread for this purpose. It is said that the young ladies are apparently slow to graduate as hostess and guest but quickly pick up the points connected with the work of waitress and announce themselves ready to pass on to the roles where the only requirement is to look pleasant and eat.

The Trip to Havana

(With apologies to *Judge* and Shakesp are.)

They marched away that autumn day, with courage in their faces—the Bradley football 'leven, brave and gay, and full of manly graces. There were Bill Kellar, Jerry Simpson, ambitious and defiant; bold Cap. McClyment, valiant Triebel and Dexter, John, the gallant giant; there were Kirtley, Davis, Hammond, Swanson, Freund, Grainge and Harris, all men of spirit; and then big Murkem Fuller, our chemist of muscle and of merit—oh, yes, there was Heaton, too, shoulder dislocated yet athletic and pugnacious—all bound to win just one foot ball game, with tactics most sagacious. We had left end and tackle over and Heaton round the end. Then Simpson and Fuller we thought that through the line we'd send.

We marched away with our che he, che ha, che ha ha ha resounding, and (if we must confess it) our heart beats loudly pounding. We sniffed that battle from afar, and when we sniffed it nigher, our full backs swelled to fuller backs and our foot ball match took fire. We sprang upon Havana with masterful endeavor. We touched them up but couldn't touch them down, though Mac, Ralph and Murkem played strong and clever. And Dexter bit the sand and scratched his lip in a slide ungainly. "Trip not me, you tub," he said to the Havana center, insanely. And everyone jumped upon the other till not a mother's son but looked a stranger to his mother. The shades of night were falling fast when with quarter backs and half and quarter features, we softly came to town, to tell our friends at Bradley how we touched them up, but couldn't touch them down.

Miss Corinne Unland, '97 was a recent visitor at Bradley.

The Lectures

The first of the lectures of the season of 1899-1900 was given by Dr. T. C. Burgess in Bradley Hall on the evening of November 17th. Public appreciation of the course being offered free was attested to by the size of the audience and by the character of those who composed it. This audience was one of the largest and most appreciative ever assembled in the building. The lecturer was thoroughly the master of his subject, "The Roman in His Home." He left his audience with a good idea of the plan and equipment of a Roman dwelling, the impressions being more forcibly conveyed by stereopticon views. The next lecture by Dr. Burgess will be December 1st; the subject, "The Roman in Modern Life."

Work of the Club

The Political Science and History Club enjoyed the hospitality of Dr and Mrs. Wyckoff on the evening of November 10th. Subjects were handled by the following members: "The Alaskan Boundary," E. E. Anderson; "The Peace Conference," Miss Mildred Kelly; "The Transvaal Question," Leigh Harris. Discussions followed the reading of the papers, the discussion of the Transvaal question being especially spirited. The next meeting will be held December 8th, at the residence of J. W. Garner. The program is as follows: Historic Sites in the Illinois Valley (Fort Creve Coeur and Fort St. Louis), John M. Wabeke; The Military Government of Cuba, its Methods and Results; The Roberts Case, Abe Schaefer.

Will Visit Sugar Factory

The Engineering Club made an excursion to the new beet sugar factory at Pekin, Saturday.

Red Hot Time.

Bradley Shows Evidence of Real College Spirit.

The news of Leach's victory aroused the students to a pitch of enthusiasm which has never before been known in Bradley Institute. It filled their hearts and heads with an uncontrollable something which broke forth with fury.

All the day following the victory, the fellows could be seen in little groups laying their plans for a real, wild sort of a demonstration, and by nightfall everything was in readiness. By seven o'clock the students were flocking to the campus like ducks on a southern trip, and a half hour later nearly three hundred had gathered for the demonstration. A gaily decorated carriage drawn by willing hands, and headed by Munroe's Band, was taken to Leach's room on St. James Street. The hero of the hour was carried on strong shoulders, placed in the carriage and triumphantly drawn back to the Institute. By this time, several hundred more students and friends had gathered on the campus, a great bonfire, well supplied with barrels, boxes and bleachers, was lighting the entire Bluff, and the din of tin horns, megaphones and yells was deafening.

Once inside the chapel, where Leach could be placed in view of all, the crowd broke loose with the wildest of enthusiasm. The combination of a brass band, megaphone chorus, and a few pointed speeches made the old walls shake. Leach was forced to acknowledge that he was present, with a few words. President Bailey warmly greeted the victor, Dr. Wyckoff and Dr. Garner spoke enthusiastically, and the band played "A Hot Time."

From the Institute four hundred students took up their march of triumph to the heart of the city, via Moss Avenue, High Street and Main Street, Leach and President Bailey being drawn in the carriage. Such a students' demonstration the city had never seen, and all the way, the streets were lined with the great Saturday night crowds, waving greeting to the victors.

"Leach" was the one word that woke the echoes of the night, and a wild night it was.

Social Club Committees

President O'Rear has announced his Standing Committees of the Social Club as follows:

ENTERTAINMENT—L. L. Simpson, Chairman,
Miss Bessie Weirich,
John R. Dexter,
Geo. Fletcher,
Miss Eva Sanner,
Miss Anna Tracy,
Miss Mary Rice,
Miss Sadie Millington.

RECEPTION—Clarence E. Leffingwell, Chairman
Leigh Harris,
Miss Mildred Faville,
Miss Julia Bourland,
Miss Margaret McIlvaine,

DECORATION—Miss Mildred Kelly, Chairman,
Miss Emily Proctor,
Miss Lucia Noyse,
E. E. Anderson,
Mark Cowell,
Luther Kirtley.
Earl Thomas,
Roy Page,
Frank Hasbrouck,
Ed. Kuhl.

REFRESHMENTS—Miss Olmstead, Chairman,
Miss Parker,
Ralph Olmstead,
Miss Hood,
Miss Geiger,
G. R. McClyment,
Ralph Smith.

Chorus Revived

The chorus, as suggested by the TECH, has been started afresh. It is assembled every Thursday afternoon, and is under the able direction of Dr. Wyckoff.

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Editorials

Jim Dunlap

With this issue the editorial connection of James M. Dunlap with the TECH ceases. The remaining members of the TECH force will feel the loss of a ready and a trenchant writer but it is Bradley Institute which has sustained an irreparable loss. Bradley Institute without Jim Dunlap. Hamlet without the Soliloquy. Thanksgiving without the turkey or any other apparently inseparable duality. One of the first students to register at Bradley Hall, when the blows of the carpenter's hammer punctuated the Latin translations and disturbed the exposition of geometrical theorems, Mr. Dunlap has been steadily in attendance. Steady and sure in class room he won the respect of his instructors, but it was outside of the class room that the writer noticed a quality in Mr. Dunlap which we would like to see moving every other student of the Institute. It was his intense school patriotism. He felt and showed an intense loyalty for his beloved Alma Mater. He was the champion of Bradley at all times and in all places. He had only good words for the school and would listen to no word in deprecation. He takes a good position on the local page of the *Peoria Herald*—a place for which he is well qualified.

What It Meant

Did every one grasp the full significance of the celebration which followed Leach's victory at Chicago? It had more than one meaning. It meant first that there is little jealousy in Bradley Hall; that there is an absence of that feeling that it is possible to climb up by pulling others down. In its stead is a realization of the fact that each new success of some one else makes our success the easier. There was no jealousy of Mr. Leach's success—only joy unadulterated and spontaneous, that a young man had been able to distinguish himself. Then the celebration carried with it another significance. It proved the existence of school spirit at Bradley in unlimited quantities. Let us hear no more croakers bewailing an absense of this spirit. Our students are as loyal as the students of any school, North, South, East or West, and when the time came to show it, they were on hand. It is doubtful if there was ever a better manifestation of school spirit (numbers considered) than was

witnessed on that memorable night. Patriotism welled in every breast and joy quickened every pulse. To a man they were proud of Leach and twice proud of the school to which they belonged.

ALL OF US who ever take time to think, are wondering why it is that the authorities of the Institute should see fit to keep the beautiful marble bust of Mrs. Bradley veiled at all times except on a very few special occasions. It is a truth that many of the new students have actually been inquiring as to what was kept behind that long white sheet in the main corridor. This surely should not be.

Suppose the magnificent Soldiers' Monument in Court House square were continually or even part of the time hidden behind the balloon like veil, which clothed it on the morning of October 6th, would it recall the deeds of valor of the men of '61 — would it inspire reverence for their bravery and love for the cause in which they died? No. Even so, the likeness of Mrs. Lydia Bradley, hidden month in and month out, behind a white drape, will not inspire that reverence and love which every one of us should hold for our noble founder.

DR. BURGESS, in Greek. — "Schliemann, who is famous for his excavations, had a passion for languages and learned a new one every six months. Kirtley. — "How many does he speak now?" Dr. Burgess.—"Really, I can't say. He has been dead three years."

A Literary Society

Bradley's victory in the declamation contest is alone an eloquent appeal for a literary society. The first year of the school supported a very creditable organization of this character but there has been none since. Two or three attempts have been made to reorganize but they flashed in the pan. Let us have a strong literary society by all means and begin to develop material for next year's contests. It only needs the right man to make the start and the society will come easily. Who will take the initiative? Who will be the first to put a shoulder to the wheel and start a much neglected movement? It must be done if Bradley hopes for continued prowess along literary lines. Mr. Leach came to us with ripe training received on forum and rostrum at other schools and won for us the prize, but the chances are that we will have to develop our own talent in the future, and there is no danger of beginning too early.

A Track Team

A track team is talked of for the spring. There is plenty of good material in the school from which to develop a strong track team. It needs only someone to take hold and push and the team will be forthcoming.

A FEATURE of next month's TECH will be "Side Talks With the Boys," in which advice will be given to all young men who will make their troubles known before that time. Another feature will be a list of "What Bradley students would like to get for Christmas."

Horological

C. B. Hitchcock, F. J. Sielschott, } Department Editors.

Hurrah for Leach!

Littlefield spent Sunday in Bloomington.

Khune has been under the weather for a week.

Post was down from Eureka last Sunday.

Doll will soon go to Chicago to purchase goods.

Cherry will eat Turkey at home Thanksgiving.

Ikey Jaco and a cow had quite a "scrap" the other night.

We are glad none of us helped tear down that fence.

Lewis Jack actually attended lecture Thursday evening.

Ask for 'Fresco's Cold Cure. Sold everywhere. Sure cure.

Buhn has decided not to accept the position at Little Rock.

Mr. Carrey, an old student, of Keokuk, visited here Wednesday.

Dool was called home Friday on account of his father's sickness.

A chosen few had a swell little dinner in one of the boy's rooms last week.

John Tate went sound asleep in lecture the other night. He dreamed of his ma.

J. D. Brown, one of our boys, is now married, and has started in business in Texas.

Mr. Drury made the medals for the Arts and Crafts Club photo exhibit. Three of them returned here, one to Mr. Westlake and two to Mr. Hood.

Ask Miss Thompson why she smiles so much lately? "Her" soldier has returned.

Rhodes and Cook have learned all they can here and are running a junk shop on Adams.

Deacon Grange spent a few days in Tuscola last week. What's the attraction Deacon?

Mr. Westlake is in Springfield helping to appraise the large jewelry stock of the late Aug. Claus.

Cochran has returned from his vacation. He saw the big Cornell-Princeton game at Ithica.

We have several new "Gold Bricks" lately, E. C. Walters, Ira Scott, J. Brininghoff, J. Owsley.

Bradley's football team certainly has a hoodoo. We advise a game with the Columbia School.

Crawford Phillips is a very busy man these days teaching gold bricks how to hold their gravers.

The Board, by building a walk to our hall, has saved us the trouble of moving one, as was done last winter.

Littlefield leaves December 1st, Harrison the fifteenth, "Orange blossom" Hensley and Hitchcock soon after.

Mr. Drury always has a large class at his lectures. He has ten lectures prepared, four on tools, two on clocks and four on jewelry.

Mr. Coquellett left Thursday for his home in La Harpe. Mr. C. will leave the first of the week, every one will be sorry to see "Cookie" go.

Our Mr. Hood won two gold medals at the Art League. He has received an invitation to exhibit his pictures at Chicago this winter.

E. A. Knowlton, a former student and assistant in the finishing department, died at Wagner, Indian Territory. A wife and child survive.

About the best hearted person in either school is our Mr. Cadwalleder, the bookkeeper. He will go out of his way any time to do a favor for "his boys."

The dear girls at the Hall seem to think we are some kind of savages by the way they act. Don't be afraid girls, we won't hurt you. We have seen girls before now—a good many.

Coquenour will return to his home in Pittsfield, Ill., to claim a young lady there as his bride. We all extend our heartiest congratulations and hope to see a box of cigars coming around.

Frommer has left for home. Larina completed the engraving course. "Germany" has issued a sweeping challenge offering to meet any one, preferably Tate, to a game of ten pins.

Our boys entered right into the spirit of rejoicing last Saturday night to welcome Leach. We were just as glad as if it was one of the "Watchmakers" who had won an honor. A great deal was due to the way Harris runs things. He is a "corker"

On the night of the 17th, while Crawford Phillips was at the lecture, burglars entered his home and stole three cents. Crawford says that the burglar is a better man than he is. He didn't know that there were three cents in the house.

Bradley Briefs

Where was Dr. Burgess when the light went out?

Dr. Lyons gave a dinner party to a few of his intimate friends on the 18th inst.

The beacon lights of chemistry—"definite," "constant," "fixed" and "invariable"

Miss Williamson, of Wyoming, was the guest of Miss Atina Duryea last week.

Miss Pearl Kedzie, of Lansing, Mich., recently spent a few days visiting Mrs. Kedzie

Prospect of lower fare between Peoria and Pekin. Good news for John R. and the Captain

Miss Edith Orndorff, of Delavan, spent a recent Sunday in the city, visiting her cousin Miss Mary Schureman.

Miss Lucy A. Thomas left last Sunday evening for Northern Michigan to start the work of sewing in the public schools at Calumet.

Last week Mrs. Kedzie, head of the department of domestic economy, was again called out of the city to lecture in her line of work.

The many friends of Walter Jack, who is now in Armour Institute, will be pleased to know that he will eat Thanksgiving turkey in this city.

Harry Hammond, in German, who believes in literal translations: "So make I it with you as I it already once to-day with another made have."

Was it right for Dr. Burgess to take his auditors to Rome and then turning off the lights, leave them in darkness in that ancient and unknown city?

H. N. Cook, who was a student last year and also acted in the capacity of private secretary to Director Sisson, is at the Chicago University this year.

John Dexter and G. R. McClyment spent a recent Saturday in Pekin as the guests of friends. Incidentally they saw the Pekin-Havana foot ball game, Mr. McClyment being pressed into service as referee.

Our esteemed friend James Dunlap would like to see more of a variety in the architecture of Peoria residences. It would lessen his danger of getting into the wrong house when calling on West Bluff ladies.

The Orchestra

The Bradley Symphony Orchestra has been reorganized and is preparing for practice under the direction of Prof. Plowe.

Bradley Talent

The musical portion of the new Westminster church has a good Bradley representation, Ralph Smith and Geo. O. Buhn sing in the choir and John Wabeke presides at the pipe organ.

Gives It to the School

It is understood that Grant Hood has presented Bradley with his fine picture of the Coliseum. It is not only a work of art, but has a history behind it, which makes it doubly a prized possession.

Reception at the Coop

Friday evening, Nov. 3d, the faculty house on High street was the scene of festivity. Mrs Kedzie, Mr. Bishop and Mr. Comstock entertained their respective classes in a most delightful fashion.

Will Reorganize

The Saturday Afternoon Photograph Club, which had a lively and profitable existence last year, is preparing to reorganize. It is composed partly of Bradley students and partly of downtown people.

Constructing a Lathe

Mr. Raymond, in shop, is busy superintending the construction of a large lathe. It was started last year, and is now being pushed rapidly forward to completion. The work is all being done by the students, and has progressed far enough to insure a lathe that will be useful as well as ornamental in the shops.

Forbidden Fruit

The following placard occasionally appears on an evaporating dish under one of the hoods in chemistry: 'John Wabeke. Touch not, taste not." Don't be afraid, John; the nice girls at Bradley are mostly short, and the fruit hangs too high for them to reach.

Will Wed

At Thanksgiving, at Lawn Ridge, will occur the marriage of E. O. Sisson, director of Bradley Polytechnic Institute, to Miss Nellie Stowell. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, of Chicago, a personal friend of the prospective groom. A southern trip, consuming about a month, will follow the marriage. Returning, they will take up their residence at 125 Fredonia Ave.

Genius Recognized and Talent Appreciated

Up in the pine woods of Northern Wisconsin is a school director, who is as long on business sagacity as he is short on 'book larnin." He moulds the destinies of a little crossroads school house and is determined to have a good man for a teacher regardless of cost. He writes to Will Leach of Bradley, as follows:

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The Model Man

When Peoria, twenty centuries hence, is dug out of the ashes and lava after some mighty seismic disturbance, the people of that time will find paintings of L. L. Simpson, and hand them down to their posterity as a type of the man of the nineteenth century. This is all because the art department has recognized Jerry as the mirror of form and model of fashion and is having him pose for the sketching class. He is posing both in citizens clothes and in football regalia. The latter will doubtless be construed by the future generations as the armor of a nineteenth century gladiator in the bloody contests for the amusement of the ladies and small boys.

Office Changes

By an oversight the changes in the Central office were omitted in our last issue. Miss Ramsey is no longer in the office. Her resignation was a cause of general regret for there are few who are not her debtor for the many little courtesies which it is possible to receive at the Central office. The Institute now employs Miss White on the typewriter and Mr. Roberts on the books.

Will Elect a Manager

The selection of a manager always marks the transition from foot ball to base ball, and vice versa. The base ball manager for the ensuing year will be chosen at a meeting of the Athletic Board Wednesday evening, which is an indication that attention will soon turn from the agonies of foot ball to the bright prospect of base ball in the spring.

Miss Ethel Wilt, of Devon, Pa., was a visitor here this month, as Miss Edith Hensley's guest.

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Not So Bad

Bradley gave Havana a tussle in foot ball Suturday, Nov. 18th. The score was 6 to 0, but the defeat carried with it no disgrace. Havana has a good team, and a team that has been playing winning ball. She has been defeated but twice, and only once before was a score held down on her as low as 6. Bradley played a choppy game. The boys seemed to forget the crushing defeats in the previous games and played with all of the confidence of a winning team. Havana made a touchdown, to be sure, but it was the result of "a little hard luck" in the early part of the game. After that it was nip and tuck, with the odds clearly in favor of Bradley. At one time, when Havana by a timely trick play had gotten the ball within two yards of Bradley's goal, our boys took a brace and pushed Havana back away from the goal. Then Fuller, catching the ball in mid-air on Havana's fumble, tore down the field for a long gain. Capt. McClyment followed up the good work with another long run. Heaton was sent around the end for a good gain, and Dexter bucked the line with good effect. The result of this combination was to bring the ball within a few yards of Havana's goal when time was called. A few minutes more would have been sufficient for a Bradley touchdown and a tied score. Dr. Garner, for the faculty, and ex-Coach Louis Benezet accompanied the team, the former acting in the capacity of linesman, the latter as referee. The members of the team have only good words to say concerning the treatment by Havana players and Havana citizens.

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The Bloomington Game

The game with the Wesleyan has become ancient history and is scarcely eligible to columns of current news. In fact, we are all trying to forget it as fast as possible. The score of 87 to 0 in favor of Wesleyan is *prima facie* evidence that one or the other or both of the teams played out of class. Wesleyan has a big and fast team, a team that plainly belongs in the circle of State University teams Long before the intermission between halves Bradley had been played off her feet, and the players were limping to the side lines—their places to be filled by substitutes. Olmstead, Lackersteen and Simpson all received injuries which disabled them for the rest of the game. Lackersteen did some star tackling, but aside from this the game was featureless as far as Bradley was concerned. Both the team work and the individual playing of Wesleyan were all that they should have been, and their effect is found in the score. Referee Howe claimed to have heard of a bigger score last year, but Bradley can feel confident of having established a record breaker for this year.

The "Roasting" Business.

The TECH editor was asked the other day by two of its lady subscribers, why the paper does not contain more "roasts" on students. Very well; a good suggestion. At the first opportunity we shall make these young ladies the subject of a "roast," then perhaps they will see why the TECH has a little regard for other people's feelings. It has been our observation that those who like most to see others "roasted" have the thinnest skins and fail to see the joke when they themselves happen to be the subject of the "roast."

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